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YEARS**  
of  
Continuous  
Club Activity!

**W9RH**  
CLUB CALL

For Information on HAM RADIO or Our Club - CALL **466-HAMS**

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**NEXT MEETING**

**OCT - 1992**

The next meeting of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club will be held on **Thursday, OCTOBER 29, 1992** at the **Wauwatosa Savings and Loan on 75th and State at 7:30 PM**. The doors open around 7:00 for the usual preliminary rag chew. The program at this meeting will be: a video tape titled *Seventy Years of Vacuum Tubes* by the Antique Radio Association followed by a talk about vacuum tubes by **Fred Linn - W9NZF**.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**

We now have a site for our school - Thanks to Phil KB9FOQ. It will be at the Village Manor Park on 84th and Oklahoma. Phil is a resident there. He joins us each week on the 10 meter W9RH net and is a member of our club.

The room for our school is a large meeting hall. It has a side entrance on 84th Street and it has a parking lot. Our novice-tech school will start on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 P.M. It will run until 9:00 P.M. each Wednesday for eight weeks.

Our plans are to expand by offering more types of licenses. For the time being, however, let's at least get the novice-tech classes started. The cost is \$10.00 plus a text book fee. Call 466-HAMS to sign-up. By the way, there are quite a few people using the 466-HAMS line. We even received a

call, this evening, from a HAM in upper Wisconsin who wants to join us for the class!

We could use your help on this project We need people to set-up the tables, pass out information and help run and control the school. How about your help!! Dave DeFebo WB9BWP has volunteered to again run it - (Thanks Dave!) - but, he needs help.

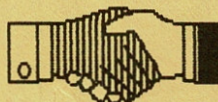
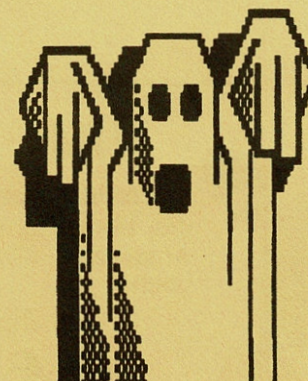
Our Friday night W9RH 10 meter net is still going. We had new check-ins last week. Tune it up and join us.

The Saturday, 8:30 A.M., Breakfast Club at Maxim's Restaurant (on the corner of Appleton and 91st Street) has had a thin turnout the last couple of weeks. We realize that it is probably the nice weather that has kept people away. Come join us - it is a great way to start a weekend.

I hope to see a lot of you at October's meeting.

73's for now.

Ed Wille  
W9PWG





## MILWAUKEE AREA NET INFORMATION

DAY	TIME	MEZ	ACTIVITY
MON	9:00 PM	146.670	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)
MON	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Net
TUE	9:00 PM	145.130	MAARS Roundtable
WED	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
THU	9:00 PM	50.160	6 Mtr. General Interest Net
THU	9:00 PM	146.910	Computer Net
FRI	9:00 PM	28.400	W9RH on the air MRAC Club Station Net
SUN	10:00 AM	443.800	FM-38 Link to 146.88 Baraboo SWAP Net
SUN	8:00 PM	28.365	10-10 International (Milwaukee Ch.)
SUN	8:00 PM	146.910	Information Net
SUN	9:00 PM	146.910	Swap Net

The 2 meter frequencies are -600khz offset FM repeaters. FM38 is +5 Mhz offset, tone 114.8 The 10 meter frequencies are upper sideband (USB). If there are additions, changes, or corrections to this list, please contact Pancho KA9OFA.

### Editors Message

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you who have contributed to our news.

Keep the news flowing. Without your contributions, we would have no publication. I think that it is important to keep our people informed about what is happening in our club and the Amateur Radio community.

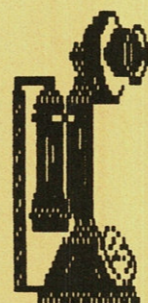
Don't forget to sign up for the Christmas Party on December 19, 1992

Orv Stewart has been hospitalized in Centralia, Ill. for an indefinite period time.

Thanks & 73's

*Pancho*

Pancho KA9OFA

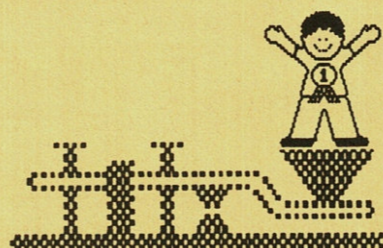


### MRAC Club Phone

For information about Amateur Radio, Ham Exams and Milwaukee Radio Amateur's Club call our new club phone.

The number is:

**466-HAMS**



### FCC HAM RADIO EXAMS

#### Tuesday Exams

All Grades - MRAC VEC

Third Tues. of each month at 6:30 pm  
11709 W. Cleve Ave. West Allis, WI

#### Saturday Exams

Last Saturday of Each Month  
at Wauwatosa S&L  
7500 W. State St. Wauwatosa

#### SWAT TEAM Exams

2nd SAT of each month beginning in  
September at Wauwatosa S&L  
6560 S. 27th ST.  
Oak Creek, WI

#### FRIENDLY FEST Exams

Sat Nov. 7, 1992  
Sarb Hall, 51st St. & Okaloma  
West Allis, WI

Bring your license (if any) and 2 copies  
also the same for CSCE's you may have.  
Originals will be returned to you.

**\$5.00 charge except for Novice exams.**

Walk-ins are welcome, but preregistration is requested if possible. To register in advance, send a post card on which you have printed the grade of license for which you are applying, your name, address and telephone number to:

### MRAC-VEC

c/o Jack Krause-W9JK 1737 N. 116th St. Wauwatosa, WI 53226  
c/o Ed Seruga-KE9JJ 3840 S. 43rd St. Milwaukee, WI 53220

For more information on Exams call:

Jack Krause W9JK (414) 774-6999  
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or  
**(414) 466-HAMS**



# The Repeater Report

Initial efforts to launch a repeater on the 220 MHz band were presented to the membership by Joe Rayome, KE9LL. The club members were generally positive toward the idea. There were some questions about 'Why 220' and some discussion of details concerning what features the club might want to consider including in the initial installation. The approximate cost of the project was also considered.

The 220 MHz band was chosen for primarily two reasons

- \* There is very little activity on this band in the Milwaukee area. Thus establishing a new repeater on this frequency will promote use of the band and perhaps prevent the loss of any more of it from Ham Radio use.
- \* Novices have privileges on this band. The repeater would give the club a way to visibly serve new comers to amateur radio.

Among the features which it was suggested we might want included in the repeater was phone patch capability. It was explained that this requires the purchase of a separate controller for the repeater which is being considered for the purchase. The additional cost would be about \$500, bringing the total cost for the project to approximately \$3,000. Neither the amount with the separate controller nor without it would cause the club any financial difficulty.

There are several things which will have to be done

before a repeater becomes a reality for this club. Obviously a site must be procured and equipment must be purchased. With this in mind, Participation is needed from the membership for:

- \* The Site Committee - This group will be responsible for searching for a suitable site for the repeater. Site criteria and initial leads will be provided.
- \* The Technical Committee - This group will first determine what equipment will be procured and, after the repeater is installed and running, and deal with system maintenance.

KE9LL has indicated that he wishes to serve on the Technical Committee, but does not have the time nor the energy to also search for the site. Indeed, if sufficient volunteers from the membership as a whole are not forthcoming, this repeater project will NOT get off the ground. The board realizes that we are all relatively busy. However, it is unrealistic to expect just one or two individuals to undertake a project of this scope. Current board members also have sufficient other duties for the club which take up their time. So, if you think it might be a good idea for MRAC to put a repeater on the air, search your schedule for a few spare moments and give back a little to this organization. If MRAC is going to survive as a viable entity into the next century, something must be done.

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**BECOME INVOLVED,**

**MRAC NEEDS YOU!**

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## ARES REPORT by KE9LL

The **Amateur Radio Emergency Service** was busy over the summer with the usual events including: *The City of Festivals Parade* and *The Great Circus Parade*. A few severe weather nets were held, but, fortunately, the metropolitan area was spared any damage.

### NDMS '92

The National Disaster Medical System will be running a simulated disaster on October 23rd of this year. The scene is once again an earthquake at the New Madrid fault on the southern Illinois - Missouri border. Because of the devastation, the remaining facilities in the region are unable to cope with the large number of injured people. An airlift will be used to transport patients to facilities in areas beyond the zone of destruction. Milwaukee is one of those areas

The local ARES group will be participating in this exercise. The ARES mission is to use the communication facilities to facilitate patient tracking from their arrival at the airport until they are placed in area hospitals (since this is a test, the tracking continues until all "patients" are transported back to the airport for their ride home.)

If you are interested and able to participate in this event, please contact the Section Emergency Coordinator, John Leekley, WB9SMM. The best way to do that is to check in to the weekly ARES net at 9:00pm, Monday nights, on the 146.67 repeater. (See the repeater list elsewhere in this publication.)

That's all for this time. I'll have another report in a couple of months.

Joe Rayome, KE9LL, MRAC-ARES Liaison



**COME JOIN US AT THE  
MRAC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Date:.....**Saturday, December 19, 1992**  
Location: .....**Maxim's II Restaurant**  
**1657 S. 108th Street**  
**West Allis, Wisconsin 53214**  
**774-9656**  
Time: .....**Free beer and cash bar open**  
**at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Dinner at 7:00 P.M.**  
Food choice:.....**Roast sirloin, chicken, ham,**  
**potatoes with gravy or oven**  
**browned, and coffee.**  
Price: .....**\$12.50 per plate**

**ENTERTAINMENT AND DOOR PRIZES**

**Please, send in your reservations, NOW.**  
We have made reservations for 80 people.  
If you like, you can donate a door prize -  
an old 807, your OM or XYL.

**HAM RADIO SPECTRUM PROTECTION ACT**

There's still a little time (but, not  
much) to write your Senators and Repre-  
sentatives to urge them to support H.R.73  
/ S.1372 bills that are heading for ratifi-

cation by these two august bodies of the legis-  
lature.

We now have half of the house of represen-  
tatives and one third of the Senate cosponsoring  
the bills, but, we do need more.

These bills require the FCC to not diminish  
the amount of Radio Spectrum available to Radio  
HAM operators and to provide equivalent re-  
placement spectrum for any frequencies that  
are reallocated.

See last month's Hamateur or pg 44 of the  
July issue of QST for more details

**SILENT KEY**

**Ralph W. Parker, WA9MLY, 69,** one of our mem-  
bers passed away peacefully in his sleep on  
October 11, 1992.

**H. CHARLES KAETEL AMATEUR RADIO SCHOOL**

Charles Katel HamSchool starts 7:00 - 9:00 pm.  
October 21, 1992 and runs for eight weeks at  
84<sup>th</sup> and Oklahoma. Right now we are offering  
classes for Novice and Technician classes of  
license preparation, but have plans for expand-  
ing our offerings in the near future. For mor  
details call 466-HAMS.

**A SPECIAL THANKS**

Due to filing errors this item didn't make it into the SEPT. issue of Hamateur  
Chatter.

Here are excerpts from a letter from Mrs. Bessie G. Beider upon receiving her HAM  
call sign on July 27, 1992:

In appreciation, I would like to thank Kate Kedney, KA9MWT, Who volunteered her  
services to be my Elmer. She was very patient with me--a slow learner--and taught  
me how to study, being out of school for many many years.

I also wish to thank Ron Hooker, Ralph Tramm, and the students in the class that I  
attended at Gethsemane Ev. Lutheran Church 132nd and Greenfield. Their teachings  
and suggestions were very helpful.

If I omitted anyone who helped me, I wish to apologize.

This been a rewarding experience to have earned the very special privilege of being  
able to communicate directly with one another, by radio.

Thanks again! 73,

Mrs. Bessie G. Beider, N9QIT



### NEW TIME FOR HAM BREAKFAST

The time of the MRAC Ham Breakfast has been changed. The **new time 8:30 a.m.** All are cordially invited to join us at our **HAM BREAKFAST** on Saturday mornings at 8:30 o'clock. Come and be a part of the "off the air RAG CHEW" (say what you want (favorite gripe, etc.)) We do have some pretty interesting discussions, the food's good, and reasonably priced.

Ham Breakfast at:

**Maxim's Restaurant**

**9143 W. Appleton Ave.**

(corner of 91st St. and Appleton Ave.  
near Timmerman Field).

### W9RH- TEN METER NET

The invitation is still open to meet us on the W9RH ten meter net on Friday evenings at 9:00 PM at approximately 28.4 MHz. We're still waiting for the first novice check-in.



### FRIENDLY FEST TABLE

Ted Stiller has reserved a table at Friendly Fest for Club members who wish to sell some of their electronic surplus. This is a good time to turn some of your surplus into cash. Friendly Fest is on Nov. 7, 1992 at Serb Hall at 51<sup>st</sup> St. & Oklahoma in Milwaukee.

**W.O.W.**

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As a man  
thinketh,  
so is he.

### NEWS CONTRIBUTIONS

Articles and information for the newsletter should be received by the editor **no later than the first of the month of publication.** If received after the first of the month, its inclusion in that month's edition **cannot be guaranteed.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Please mail submissions to:

**Hamateur Chatter**

c/o **Pancho Doneis, KA90FA**

**1958 N. 38th St.**

**Milwaukee, WI 53208**

You may also call me at;

**344-4694.**

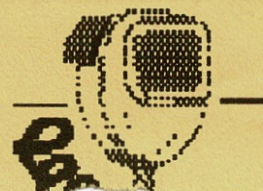
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Thanks to our news contributors this month:

WA9IRD  
KE9LL

W9PWG  
N9QIT

WA9SFH  
W9UVV





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**Friendly Fest  
Swapfest**  
Sat., NOV 7, 1992  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee

**Fox CitiesHamfest**  
SUN - NOV 8, 1992  
Kaukauna, WI

**Civil Air Patrol  
HamFest**  
Saturday - NOV 14, 1992  
Grayslake, IL

**Fort Wayne HamFest**  
SAT - NOV 14 &  
SUN- NOV 15, 1992  
Ft. Wayne, IN

**Chicago Amateur Radio  
Club  
Auction**  
SUN - NOV 15, 1992  
CHICAGO, IL

**Commemorating 75 YRS.  
MRAC  
Holiday Party!**  
SAT - DEC 19, 1992  
MAXIM's Restaurant  
1657 S. 108<sup>th</sup> St.  
West Allis, WI

**West Allis Radio Amateur  
Club  
Swapfest**  
SUN - JAN 10, 1993  
Waukesha EXPO

**South Bend HamFest**  
SUN - JAN 3, 1993  
SOUTH BEND, IN

**DAVENPORT HAMFEST**  
FEB 21, 1993  
Rock Island, IL